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WOMEN`S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes for women's empowerment through education;

(b) the percentage of total enrolment in the country;

(c) the female literacy rate as against the male literacy rate in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the specific programmes out of them being implemented in different States, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a): The Government of India is implementing the Mahila Samakhya Programme which is a programme for the education and empowerment of women in rural areas as well as literacy programmes for women through the National Literacy Mission of the Government of India.

(b): The percentage of total enrolment in the country at primary level is 96.29% and at upper primary level 70.26%.

(c): The all-India female literacy rate is 54% and male literacy rate is 75% as per the 2001 census. The male and female literacy rates, State-wise, are in the statement at Annex-I.

(d): The Mahila Samakhya programme is being implemented in the States of Uttar Pradesh,Uttaranchal, Karnataka, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Jharkhand and Kerala. The National Literacy Mission is promoting literacy across the country.